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PROGRAMME

"The Life of Christ"

(From the Four Gospels)

Arranged and Conducted
by
EVA JESSYE, Mus. D



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1955

FOUR O'CLOCK

FIRST-CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS



REVEREND ISAAC HIGGINBOTHAM, D.D. . . . *Interim Pastor*

auspices

Greater Lawrence Council of Churches

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NARRATIVE WITH MUSIC



ORGAN PRELUDE—(from "Redemption") . . . Guonod
KENNETH ROBINSON

"The Life of Christ"

(Scenes and Events)

CRY OF MANKIND (Guonod)
CHRIST'S OFFER (Guonod)
THE STAR IN THE EAST
ADORATION AT THE MANGER
CHILDHOOD OF THE SAVIOR
BAPTISM BY JOHN
JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS
MEETING WITH NICODEMUS
THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA
SERMON ON THE MOUNT
CALMING THE SEA
MIRACLES
CHRIST'S INVITATION
FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND
JESUS WALKING ON THE SEA
THE GOOD SHEPHERD
RAISING OF LAZARUS
ENCOUNTER WITH ZACCHAEUS
ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM
THE LAST SUPPER
PARABLE OF THE HUSBANDMAN
GETHSEMANE
THE TRIAL AND CRUCIFIXION
RESURRECTION
ASCENSION

OFFERING

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

THE CAST

Narrators—

Reverend William F. Knox
William H. Harding
Eva Jessye, *Conductor*

Guest Artists—

Mildred Jenkins, *Soprano*
Elsie E. Davis, *Soprano*
Kenneth Robinson, *Organist*
Alexander L. Shephard, *Bassist*

GUEST CHOIRS

First-Calvary Baptist . . . Gerard Galloway, *Director*
Central Methodist . . . Mrs. Robert Scobie, *Director*
Riverside Congregational . . . Donald A. Watson, *Director*
Andover Baptist . . . Mrs. H. Allison Morse, *Director*

SOLOISTS

Faith Potter
Walter Green
Ralph Gilbreath
George A. Shephard
Mrs. David Steele
Gertrude Freeman
Mildred Jenkins
John Patti
Rev. Norbert W. Smith
Barbara Eidam
Trio—Fannie Murphy, Ernestine Murphy, Sandra Perry

COMBINED CHOIRS

Ethel Macdonald	Alexander L. Shephard	Rev. Norbert W. Smith
Freda Hall	Dorothy Ness	Hope Alexander
Kenneth Strobel	Robert Scobie	George E. Shephard
Hazel Scobie	John Booth	William Lombardi
Mrs. David Steele	John Patti	Walter Green
Mrs. Samuel Kershaw	Dorothy Smerdon	Marilyn Early
Mrs. James Smerdon	James Furneau	Beulah Dennison
Mrs. John Bowen	Clarence Hill	Dorothy Gordon
Mrs. Milton Crosman	James Smerdon	Joseph Gill
Mrs. Neil Lynch	John Bowen	Ralph Gilbreath
Mrs. Frederick Eastman	Arthur Babbitt	Walter Reynolds
Mrs. Joseph Thompson	Samuel Dimlich	Clinton Stevens
Mrs. Everett Ward	Charles Francis	Emerson Wilson
Mrs. Kenneth Thompson	Barbara Eidam	Faith Potter
Mrs. Thomas Woodhead	Carl F. Kruschwitz	Fred Stone
Mrs. Antonia Goff	Bob Galloway	Johanna Piehler
Mrs. Webster Woodworth	Mima Hay	Mary Caron
Barbara J. Marshall	Muriel Schofield	Sadie Joseph
Barbara Campbell	Edith Call	Ruth Wells
Emmanuel Booth	M. Dean Burns	Frances Devoe
Myrtle Ripley	Vivian E. Gordon	Kit Young
Lizzie M. Searle	Gertrude Freeman	Dennis Sutcliffe
Ruth M. Slater	Sandra Perry	Fannie Murphy
Gloria Bluemel	Irene Kern	Ernestine Murphy

Churches Represented

First-Calvary Baptist
Central Methodist
Andover Baptist
Riverside Congregational
Third Baptist
St. Mark's Methodist
First Methodist (Methuen)
St. George's Primitive Methodist
Forest Street Union (Methuen)
St. George Episcopal



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Especially are we grateful to:

Guest Artists	Speakers
Directors of Guest Choirs	The Press
Singers from Various Churches	First-Calvary Baptist Church
Musicians	All Other Friends

'Life Of Christ'

Oratorio Sunday

The entire colorful pattern of the life of Jesus of Nazareth will be brought into focus by coordinated choirs, outstanding narrators and guest artists Sunday afternoon at 4 when the Greater Lawrence Council of Churches sponsors the oratorio, "Life of Christ" in First-Calvary Baptist church as part of the Lenten program.

The production will be under the direction of Mrs. Eva Jessye Shephard with the co-operation of the directors of the various choirs participating.

The story of the greatest influence on the life of mankind will be told step by step from birth to the ascension, more than 25 events in His life being portrayed, including the meeting with Nicodemus, Zaccheus, the Woman of Samaria, the Raising of Lazarus, Miracles, the Sermon on the Mount, the Feeding of the Five Thousand, the Walking on the Sea, the Last Supper, Trial, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension.

The "Life of Christ," as arranged and directed by Mrs. Shephard has been given in churches of all denominations since 1937, including a performance in New York City, as well as being broadcast over a radio